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DUBLIN, February 17, 1746-7.

Dear S I R,



O U see I am not unmindful of my Promise to write you of every publick Affair, and especially such as relates to (what we term) the gay Part of this City. Tho' I might have acquainted you by the last Post that the whole Conversation here has for some Time turn'd on Theatrical Dispute, yet I waited till the present, for a more perfect Account, which I have now the Pleasure of being able to transmit you.

However, I will only trouble you with such a Part of the Affair and Parties concerned

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cerned as may serve for an Introduction to the enclosed Papers, which containing the Representations of each Party, I beg Leave to refer you thereto.

This Affair took its Rise from a private Quarrel between Mr. *K-ll-y* of *Galway* and Mr. *Sb-ri-d-n* the Player; thereupon the former got a Party the following Night, and in order to prevent the latter from playing, occasioned a Disturbance in the Play-house; and soon after seven of Mr. *K-ll-y*'s Party were indicted for a Riot.

During this Mr. *Sb-ri-d-n* did not attempt to play, in Hopes by his Non-Appearance all Disputes might subside; but on *Monday* the 9th Instant (the first Night since the Quarrel that he was to play) many of Mr. *K-ll-y*'s Acquaintance being observed in the House, Mr. *Sb-ri-d-n* before it began came on the Stage, and very politely address'd himself to the Audience, "That he was a
" Servant of the Town, and as such was
" very willing to make any Submission they
" should judge proper." Hereupon his Friends cried, That as a Player he having committed no Offence, he should make no Submission; and Mr. *K-ll-y*'s Party being then but a few more forced to give Place to their Resentment, and the Play went on quietly; and when ended, a Play was given out for the *Wednesday* Night following, for the Benefit of *An Hospital of Incurables*. On this Occasion there was a most genteel and brilliant

liant Appearance; for who could imagine that any Set of Men, and those who stile themselves *Gentlemen*, would disturb so polite a Company, and met on so charitable a Design? However, the Party being very numerous, and all seated in the Pit, began the Uproar the Instant that *Sb-ri-d-n* appeared, and like one Voice cried out, That *Sb-ri-d-n* should not play. Such a Behaviour raised the greatest Astonishment, and the Governors of the Hospital immediately came to the Front of the Stage, and beg'd the Gentlemen would consider that by this Means the Charity would be great Sufferers, and hoped that for this Night, at least, they would permit the Play to go on; but neither Entreaties of the Governors, nor the Consideration of the Cruelty such a Behaviour would draw on the Charity, did any wise prevail. Some worthy Gentlemen, indifferent to Party, yet unwilling that the House should be dismiss'd, beg'd the Affair might be quickly decided by one or more of each Party then to fight, and challenged any Man of *K-ll-y's* Party to advance and determine; but they all declined it, more bent on Mischief than Redress of Honour.

This Tumultuous continuing, the House was dismissed.

Of the Party for the Play going on were seven Scholars, who distinguished themselves by joining their Endeavours with those of the Ladies, who were unanimously for the Play.

These Gentlemen, for the above Reason, were grossly affronted, pelted with Oranges, and abusively treated; nay, the Reflections were not confined to them, but were thrown on the whole College; for they swore, "That from the Provost down, the whole College was a Pack of Scoundrels." Of this they then prudently took no Notice, but next Morning assembled to receive Satisfaction for the Affront; which was done in the following Manner:

They went to the Lodging of Mr. *M-t-n*, (one of the loudest and most abusive) and desired his Company to the College with them; where, on his Knees in one of the Courts, he quietly beg'd Pardon of the College in general, and every one in particular; and then in Writing confess'd his Offence, and hearty Sorrow for what he had done. Mr. *F-tz-g-d* was the next who signed a Paper of Submission; but denying his reflecting in any Manner on the College, was excused going on his Knees. Mr. *K-l-y* then (conscious of what would otherwise soon follow) came voluntarily and signed the Paper.

This is a true State of what makes so great a Noise at present. The Scholars Behaviour is generally admired, and almost universally approved of by the Ladies. I will not trouble you with the Characters of the Gentlemen concerned, nor further relating hereto at this Time; but if you are not already

already wearied with this tedious Account,
I will send what further occurs, and how the
Affair at last is concluded.

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Dear S I R, &c.

P. S. The Collegians think themselves in
such Danger that they all go armed: And
the Lords Justices have ordered the Play-
house to be shut up, till this Affair is ac-
commodated.

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The Gentlemen's Apology to the Ladies, for their being disappointed at the Play-House, on Wednesday the 11th of February, 1746-7.

LADIES,

IT is with the greatest Concern, that we find it necessary to address you with an Apology for your Disappointment at the *Play-House* last Night: We are a Body of *Gentlemen*, who constantly devote ourselves to your Service, and we think it greatly hard and unkind, that our standing up to require a proper Apology from an *Actor*, who has treated you so ill, should be resented by you.

It is fit, Ladies, that you should know the Endeavours which we all used to have the Play go on for your Entertainment last Night. All that was required of the *Player*, was but to make any reasonable Apology before he begun the Play, and when he refused that, we did him the Honour to depute a Gentleman of known Fortune and Character, to expostulate the Matter with him, and persuade him to make any, even the slightest, Apology to the Publick, assuring him that it should be accepted of, rather than disappoint the fairest Assembly that ever appeared in
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that House ; but so high was this Gentleman in his own Opinion, and so low were you all in his Esteem, that *he would be torn to Pieces* (to use his own Words) rather than make any, even the slightest, Apology ; he would not do even so much to purchase an Opportunity to please you ; nay, we applied often that the Play might go on, and that he would appoint some other Person to repeat his Part, since he would not himself ; but he discharged the Musick and the Actors, and when we had come to a Resolution, rather than see you all disappointed, that he should play that Night, even without any Apology, he was gone, and the whole Body of Actors with him.

This is a true State of the Case on the last Night ; but as for his Train of continued Insults on the Town, and his many Schemes to set Mankind by the Ears, to support his own Arrogance and Pride ; as for his Industry to stir up his Audience to cut one another's Throats in his infamous Cause, the various Arts and false Reports which he made use of to inflame the *Citizens* against the *Gentlemen*, as if the *Citizens*, by being in Trade, forfeited all Pretensions to Gentility, and ought therefore to have no Share in a Quarrel of *Gentlemen* ; and as for the false, malicious, and groundless Insinuations to the Young *Gentlemen* of the *College*, to stir up their generous Spirits, and endanger, not only the Lives of the whole Youth of the Kingdom, but the universal

universal Peace of the City, these Matters shall be laid more particularly before you, and we doubt not but you too will be fired with Indignation, and conclude with us, that we can never have a well regulated Theatre, while such a Fellow is suffered to carry every Thing his own Way, and trample, with Impunity, on the Judgment and Rights of his Audience : All which we humbly submit to your Consideration, consoling ourselves, that as no *Gentleman* in the whole House recalled one Shilling of his Money, the Charity, which you all so worthily espoused, could not be hurt by the Disappointment ; and we hope therefore you will all be so good as to pardon any thing that might be said or done amiss by a Number of *Gentlemen*, who had nothing more at Heart than your Honour, and who would die Man by Man in your Service.

*The Ladies Answer to the Gentlemen's
Apology for disappointing them at
the Play-House, on Wednesday the
11th of February, 1746-7.*

Gentlemen,

IT gave us some Pleasure to hear there was a Paper published, called your Apology, &c. hoping by it to be convinced, that we had censured you rashly, in thinking your Behaviour on that Night, the most unpolite towards us, and most cruel towards the Miserable, for whose Benefit so Brilliant an Assembly appeared, that was ever yet practised in a civilized Country.

But how much were we deceived on the Perusal? You yourselves shall judge.

In the first Place, you say, *You think it hard, that your standing up to require a proper Apology from an Actor, who has treated us so ill, should be resented by us.* But how has he treated us ill? Why, in performing good Plays with a few Actors, with more Decency and Propriety, than ever they were done here before; in suppressing Lewdness behind the Scenes, and in protecting those of our Sex, whose Employment obliges them to be there, from the most brutal Insults; and, lastly,

lastly, in giving more Charity-Plays, than have ever been given in one Winter, by any Manager here : These are the Articles he has made use of, *to render himself Odious to us, to stir up his Audience to cut one another's Throats, to endanger, not only the Lives of the whole Youth of the Kingdom, but the universal Peace of the City.* You say, you did him the Honour to depute a Gentleman of known Fortune and Character to expostulate the Matter with him, and persuade him to make any, even the slightest, Apology, &c. But, if I am rightly informed, he had modestly withdrawn himself before that Time, for fear his Friends should embroil themselves any farther.

All the Ladies in the Box where I sat, and I believe a good Part of the Audience, saw and heard the gross Language (not to mention the throwing two Apples or Oranges) which some, I will do you the Justice to say, but a few, of your Friends made use of, not only against that learned Seminary, of which some of the Members were present; but against the whole Audience, who were not of your Opinion. All the Town knows, with what Moderation these generous young Men proceeded to do themselves Justice for that publick Affront; all the Town knows, how honourably two Gentlemen acquitted themselves of that Imputation, but I have no Compliments to make to a Third (I had almost said the first who was taken to Task) on that Account. I will appeal to one of
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your own Number, who, I am informed, gave his Approbation of their Conduct, in these Words:

Gentlemen, *I am very glad to see this Spirit among you, and long it may continue.*

I could give you several of your fine Speeches, but the following shall serve as a Specimen. After one of your Champions had intrenched himself among our Hoops, rose, and made the following notable one: "Here's an Apothecary comes with his Clyster-pipe, Gad demme! but I come with my Sword, by Gad!" holding the pretty Bauble over our Heads.

And now give me Leave to say a few Things, with Regard to your Treatment of us, for whom you profess so much Respect.

What Heart so obdurate, could see and hear the beautiful * Foreigner clap Hands, and call for her Favourite Actor; and yet deny her that Satisfaction?

What Gentleman so unpolite, could see a Lady of Quality rise up (when you called for the Play without the *Fellow*) and say, it was not worth the Hearing without him, yet suffer her to retire with her fair Companion, after waiting two Hours, rather than allow her that Pleasure. Yet, these are the *Body of Gentlemen, who constantly devote themselves to our Service, who have nothing more at Heart than our Honour, and would die, Man by Man, in our Service!*

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Surely,

Surely, you forget the Words that great Man, who ennobles his Nobility, lately said among us:

YOU WILL, YOU OUGHT TO JUDGE OF ME BY MY ACTIONS!

And now, Gentlemen, it is with Regret I must say, you have a little deviated from the Truth, in saying, *That as no Gentleman in the whole House recalled one Shilling of his Money, the Charity could not be hurt by the Disappointment.* It is well known to the whole House, that one Gentleman, from the Front of the Stage, called openly for his Money, since he was not to have a Play; And I am assured, from good Authority, that the Charity did not receive that Night, in Money, so much as would pay the Expences of the House; when I am persuaded, had the Play been performed, they would have had a just Right to near Two Hundred Pounds. For this you can make no Atonement to the poor and miserable Incurables, but by your private Benefactions; or in manfully waving all Animosities on the next Occasion, which, I hope, will offer itself shortly.

I know, I saw some Men of Fortune, but, what is more, of real Worth, among you; and would willingly lay this Outrage on a few. I am persuaded, most of you are sorry for the Disappointment we met with: But if you do not like the Actor that pleases us, cannot you stay away, and not hinder us from

from being diverted? I fear some of you will make us but so-so Husbands; when you do not please to be diverted yourselves, you'll not let us be so either.

Well, since you would not let me see the *Fair Penitent* acted, I went home, and read it to all my Company; and these Lines of *Horatio to Lothario*, pleased us above all the rest, with which I will conclude:

*Away, no Woman cou'd descend so low:
A skipping, dancing, worthless Tribe you are,
Fit only for yourselves: You herd together;
And with the circling Glass warm your vain Hearts;
You talk of Beauties that you never saw,
And fancy Raptures, that you never knew.
Legends of Saints, who never yet had Being,
Or Being, ne'er were Saints, are not so false
As the fond Tales which you recount of Love.*

Rowe's Fair Penitent.

*The Tradesmen's Answer to a false and
scurrillous Paper, intituled, The
Gentlemen's Apology to the Ladies,
&c. dated February 12, 1746.*

TH O' this *Apology* is so full of Craft and Subtily, as to be likely to impose upon the Minds of many, it needs no Confutation to the Ladies and Gentlemen who were then present at the Play; the many Falshoods couched in it, under the most plausible Artifices, are to them too well known to be of any Weight: Nor should any Asserter of Truth and Liberty, draw the Pen to answer an anonymous Paper, but the better to prevent the *Author* (an old masked Advocate for Slavery, a crafty Emissary and long a detected, now a declaring Enemy to his Country) from imposing upon the Publick, I shall first answer the principal Assertions in his *Apology*, then draw the Curtain, that the abused Publick may be able to judge of his future Testimony, by the past.

The *Apologist* begins with declaring, *that he and his Faction, are a Body of Gentlemen who constantly devote themselves to the Service of the Ladies, who think it hard and unkind that the Ladies should resent their standing up*

to oblige an Actor to make an Apology, who had used them so very ill. Sure nothing can more evidently shew the Insolence of the Set, than this Declaration. The Ladies have, at the hazard of every thing to be dreaded from a lawless Bands of Rioters, publickly and privately espoused the Cause of a Man most ignominiously, most barbarously treated for preserving Decency, Chastity behind the Scenes, and for reforming the *Threatre* in general. And because this Man will not tamely give up *Actresses* to be ravish'd on the Stage, and his Person to abused as those called Gentlemen shall think fit, He must never appear upon the Stage more, the *Apologist* thinks it hard, nay, unkind, that Ladies should countenance common Decency, and against a Set of Gentlemen zealously devoted to their Service. That is, who industriously labour in open Defiance of Laws divine and human, and at the Peril of Soul and Body, to ravish and debauch the whole Sex, and then treat them as ignominiously as they would *Players*. This is serving the Ladies in the Sense of our *Apologist* and his Set, as the Tenor of their Lives, and Actions declare.

The Disputes between the Rioters and the Friends to the Reformers of the Stage, were determin'd last *Monday* by a most judicious and polite Audience; and nothing but a factious Spirit should have revived them, after the *Player* had submitted himself to the Publick
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to be judged by the publick Voice. That was a Submission that must satisfy all that were not Tyrants.

It is asserted by the Apologist, *that when the Player refused to submit to their Demands, they sent a Gentleman of known Fortune and Character to expostulate with him, to desire but the slightest Apology; but the Player declared, that he would be torn to pieces first.*

That a Gentleman of Fortune and fair Character went from the Pit to the Stage, to expostulate with the *Player*, is very true, and that the Expectations of the Audience was greatly raised by seeing a Gentleman interpose for Peace, who from his own fatal Experience must have known how hateful, how dreadful the unjust Outcries, the Insults of a lawless, giddy Rabble are: It was therefore hoped, that he who had felt the ill Effects of lawless Oppression from a slavish Mob, could never join with such and oppress another. But be that as it may, he has not yet forfeited his Veracity with either Party, I find; to him then I appeal. He knows and must confess, that the *Player* had fled for common Safety before he went to expostulate with him; that therefore this Embassador did not see the *Player*, and consequently that he could have brought no Answer to his Embassy, and much less that set forth as above. As it was incumbent on this *Player* as Manager of the Theatre, as a Man, not as a Gentleman, to prevent the Outrages for which he is, it seems, to be sacrificed

crificed, so it was better he should have withdrawn, by which the Audience and the Hospital alone suffered a Disappointment, than he should die a Martyr to Virtue and Liberty, to the inexpressible Shock of so benevolent, so charitable, I won't say, fair, an Audience. So often was the *Player* openly threaten'd by the Oppressors, who were now so unanimously bent on the universal Destruction of all Opponents of their Lusts, they armed Numbers within and without the House with secret and unlawful Arms, nay lent their very Appearance, their only distinguishing Marks of Gentility, their Cloaths, to Servants and other hireling Slaves who skulked in all Parts of the House, waiting for a fit Opportunity to massacre the *Player*, and every Advocate for Virtue and the Rights of the People.

It is in one Place said, *that the Player discharged the Musick and the Actors*, and immediately after that he went off, and took the whole Body of *Actors* with him. Neither of which Incongruities has the least Relation to Truth, because the *Player* upon Information of the Armaments made for his Destruction, and that of those that were determin'd to support the publick Liberty in him, resolved to remove the Cause of Contest by withdrawing as expeditiously and as secretly as possible. And it is known, even to the *Apologist*, that neither Musician, *Player*, or any Servant of the Theatre left the House, till long after he and his Associates were inform'd by their Ambassador, that the *Player* was gone.

Yet relying on these glaring Falshoods for Facts, the *Apologist* has the Modesty to set them forth as *a true State of the Case*. Then with his usual Volubility of Tongue, and to borrow one of his own Poetical Phrases, in MAJESTICAL Words that so PRETTILY *sonnd*, charges the Player with continued *In-sults on the Town*, by which he means, if any thing, *Tories* and *Jacobites*; for none else can complain. His many Schemes to set Mankind by the Ears; that is, by exposing general Vices and blind Party Rage, in the Theatre; by which it is criminal, it seems, he should get a Livelihood. After a long pompous Parade of such Fussian as this, with some paltry Daubings on the incensed Citizens and enraged young Gentlemen of our University, that Nursery of Learning and Virtue, which in the Theatre he and his Faction so grossly abused, knowing it the most powerful Enemy of their slavish Principles, he promises a full Account of the Proceedings, and after affirming that no Gentleman in the House recalled one Shilling of his Money, begs Pardon of the Ladies for any thing that might be said or done amiss by a Number of Gentlemen who had nothing more at Heart than the Honour of the Fair Sex, and who would die Man by Man in their Service. On which Side of the Question the Ladies Honour is most concerned, and by which it is most asserted, they know so well that it is needless to say more on that Head. I shall only take notice of two small Falshoods more in the *Apology*.

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The one with Regard to the Player's tramping on the Judgment and Right of his Audience of which we challenge him to give a single fair Instance. The other to no Gentleman's recalling his Money. This in the true Sense of the Word we confess. But that a Man as Insolent, and Rude, as Clamorous, and as well Dressed as our Apologist, or any of his Gentlemen, insulted the principal Gentlemen in the Conduct of the publick Charity, for not returning his Money, is a Fact that none, but such Gentlemen can deny.

Now, in order to lessen your Surprize at such enormous Falshood in the *Gentlemen's* Apology, and to prevent future Impositions from that Quarter, Know, that that Apology was made by *H—p—y*, who after a Trial for a Rape, for which he might possibly be justly Acquitted, for more Reasons than one; after giving false Testimony in another Nation against, and to the Prejudice of the Country, that has had the Shame and Misfortune to give so worthless an Offspring Birth; after prostituting himself to the infamous Service of some vile Tool of a detestable Minister, in a Scheme calculated for the undoing of this poor Country, loading us with base Brazen Coin; after appearing in a public Court of Justice, an Advocate and Evidence for the most shameless and open Offender of the first Law to make the destructive Crime of Forgery Capital, after this Parricide has evaded the Laws of the Realm, and escaped the Hands

of the abused Populace, he now sounds the Trumpet of Rebellion. The Submission of the Just, to the Tyranny of the Unjust, is his Stile. For this he is chosen Speaker to the Lawless Faction he calls Gentlemen, by whose Interest he hopes, if his Cause succeeds, to be made Chancellor to the Pretender.

I shall only add, That all Means have been offered to accomodate this Dispute. It was first offered by Mr. *Shri-d-m* to be left to the Arbitrament of two Gentlemen, chosen on each Side of the Question, but this was rejected by the *Gentlemen*, as ill calculated to keep up a Rebellious Spirit. It was next left to the Determination of the Audience, but by Violence repealed. The Quarrel is no longer Mr. *Shri-d-n*'s. If he had come to Mr. *K-l-y*'s Apartment to Insult him, he would have been an Aggressor. But Mr. *K-l-y* came to his to abuse him, and because Mr. *Shri-d-m* defended himself from his Violence, he must forsooth submit, and beg Pardon for not tamely bearing with many publick Insults, a private Beating.

We could wish that all anonymous Scribbling on both Sides would now cease. Let fair States of Cases be wrote and answered, with Names on both Sides, then the World may hope to discern Truth from Falshood, and learn to distinguish the Assertors of the publick Peace, and of the Rights and Liberties of *British* Subjects, from the avowed and secret Enemies of our happy Free Government.

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When those that Lord it over us, the Gentlemen, first declare their Names, they shall then know those of the Citizens, who will not give up a Member of the Community to Tyrants of any Denomination.

I am very sorry to find that there are some few Protestant Gentlemen, drawn in by the dark Jesuitical Schemes, or manifest Falshood of these designing Men, the better to skreen their tumultuous, riotous Assemblies, which without this Artifice, dare not subsist in more peaceful Times, in this Loyal Protestant City. We only beg those Gentlemen will narrowly inspect into the Truth of the Facts, and into the Characters and Principles of the Ring-leaders of the Faction, and we are persuaded they will no longer herd with a Sett of Men, the Pest of Society, the Enemies of our Constitution, and the Disgrace of Mankind.

DUBLIN, *February* 16, 1746.

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